

### *Funds to Provide Meals to Older New Mexicans and Restore Nutrition Services*

Washington, DC – Today, Congressmen Martin Heinrich, Ben Ray Luján and Harry Teague announced \$824,560 for much needed senior nutrition funding programs from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. These funds will provide meals to seniors across the state, including New Mexico's Tribes and Pueblos, restore nutrition services that have been cut and restore positions which may have been eliminated or reduced.

"We must ensure that our Seniors have the food and nutritional services they need to make it through this financial crisis," said Rep. Heinrich. "This funding will go a long way toward improving the quality of life for many older New Mexicans in the First Congressional District."

"During these difficult economic times, it is critically important to help get meals for those who need help the most," said Rep. Lujan. "Seniors who have seen retirement savings dwindle and helpful programs cut will receive immediate assistance under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act."

"Seniors contribute to the vitality of our communities across southern New Mexico. They deserve to be treated with dignity and given every resource they need to prosper so they can continue being an important part of our communities," said Rep. Harry Teague. "The nutritional needs of our seniors, especially those in our tribes and pueblos, are too often overlooked – this immediate funding from the stimulus package will provide assistance when our seniors need it most."

According to the White House, these funds will assist communities and the national aging services network hit hard by rising food costs at a time when demand for services is increasing due to the economic downturn and the growing number of older adults. The funding announced today will be distributed to States by a population-based formula that takes into account the Older Americans Act (OAA) Title III interstate funding formula minimums, and the 60+ population of each State. The Tribal funding will be distributed directly to Pueblos and Tribes across the state.

To learn more about programs that benefit New Mexico in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, read the [New Mexico Delegation's Recovery Resource Guide](#) or visit the New Mexico's [Recovery Web site](#).

### **Breakdown of Funding:**

### **Population Basis**

**Population%**

**Congregate Nutrition**

**Home-Delivered Nutrition**

**Total**

**New Mexico**

346,035

0.6512%

\$403,054

\$198,426

\$601,480

**Tribal Entity**

Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council (Picuris, etc.) \$16,610

Eight Northern Pueblos - San Ildefonso \$10,140

Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos, Inc. \$11,500

Jicarilla Apache Tribe \$12,960

Laguna \$16,610

Mescalero Apache \$11,500

Pueblo de Cochiti \$10,140

Pueblo of Acoma \$16,610

Pueblo of Isleta \$16,610

Pueblo of Jemez        \$12,960

Pueblo of San Felipe   \$12,960

Pueblo of Taos        \$12,960

Pueblo of Zuni        \$16,610

San Juan Pueblo       \$14,340

Santa Clara Pueblo    \$11,500

Santo Domingo        \$10,140

Pueblo of Tesuque     \$8,930